

**Interpretation of TPL-002-0 Requirements R1.3.2 and Requirement R1.3.12 and the identical requirements (Requirements R1.3.2 and Requirement R1.3.12) in TPL-003-0 for Ameren**

**Request for Interpretation of TPL-002 and TPL-003 Requirement R1.3.2 received from Ameren on July 25, 2007:**

*Ameren specifically requests clarification on the phrase, 'critical system conditions' in R1.3.2. Ameren asks if compliance with R1.3.2 requires multiple contingent generating unit outages as part of possible generation dispatch scenarios describing critical system conditions for which the system shall be planned and modeled in accordance with the contingency definitions included in Table 1.*

**R1.3.2** Cover critical system conditions and study years as deemed appropriate by the responsible entity.

**The following interpretation of TPL-002-0 and TPL-003-0 Requirement R1.3.2 was developed by the NERC Planning Committee on September 12, 2007:**

TPL-002 and TPL-003 do not specify the process for selection of the credible critical generation dispatch for modeling of critical system conditions. The selection of the credible critical generation dispatch for modeling of critical system conditions is within the discretion of the Planning Authority/Transmission Planner.

**Request for Interpretation of TPL-002-0 and TPL-003-0 Requirement R1.3.12 received from Ameren on July 25, 2007:**

*Ameren also asks how the inclusion of planned outages should be interpreted with respect to the contingency definitions specified in Table 1 for Categories B and C. Specifically, Ameren asks if R1.3.12 requires that the system be planned to be operated during those conditions associated with planned outages consistent with the performance requirements described in Table 1 plus any unidentified outage.*

**R1.3.12** Include the planned (including maintenance) outage of any bulk electric equipment (including protection systems or their components) at those demand levels for which planned (including maintenance) outages are performed.

**The following interpretation of TPL-002-0 and TPL-003-0 Requirement R1.3.12 was developed by the NERC Planning Committee on September 12, 2007:**

TPL-002-0 and TPL-003-0 explicitly provide that the inclusion of planned (including maintenance) outages of any bulk electric equipment at demand levels for which the planned outages are performed are within the discretion of the Planning Authority/Transmission Planner.